

BEFORE THE
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:

JOHN WALLACE TORSETH, M.D.
P.O. Box 29305
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Physician and Surgeon
Certificate No. G62582

Respondent.

No. D-4632

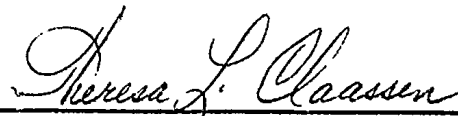
OAH No. N-39679

DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted by the Medical Board of California as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on June 10, 1992.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 11, 1992.



THERESA CLAASSEN, Secretary-Treasurer

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PROPOSED DECISION

On February 19, 1992, in Sacramento, California, Keith A. Levy, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, State of California, heard this matter.

Fred A. Slimp II, Deputy Attorney General, represented the complainant.

John Wallace Torseth, M.D. did not make an appearance and was not otherwise represented.

Evidence was received, the record was closed and the matter was submitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

Complainant, Kenneth J. Wagstaff, made and filed the Accusation in his official capacity and not otherwise.

II

On March 28, 1988, the Medical Board of California issued physician and surgeon certificate number G62582 to John W. Torseth, M.D. The certificate has been in full force and effect at all times pertinent herein.

III

On August 11, 1990, the Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners issued a stipulated order suspending respondent's license to practice medicine for an indefinite period of time. On July 9, 1990, respondent underwent a psychiatric evaluation. The results of the examination indicated that respondent was suffering from schizophrenia, that the symptoms were intrusive in his life, and that he was unable to perform adequately as a physician. Respondent's appearance, behavior, speech, and thinking were all impaired by his psychiatric condition. Respondent was recommended to seek therapy and an aggressive trial of neuroleptic medication.

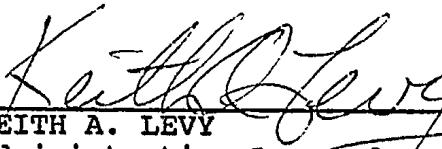
DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

Cause for discipline of Respondent's license for violation of Business and Professions Code section 2305 was established by Finding III.

ORDER

The certificate, number G62582, issued to John Wallace Torseth, M.D. is revoked.

Dated: March 16, 1992



KEITH A. LEVY
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings